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New Public Library Accreditation Guidelines in Effect

The Nebraska Guidelines for Public Library Accreditation, which the Nebraska Library Commission started using in July 2013, were developed by a group of eleven librarians working for more than two years to revamp the guidelines. The group was co-chaired by Stan Schulz from York and Joan Birnie from Broken Bow. We have streamlined the Accreditation process to make it as quick and easy as possible. Fifty libraries across Nebraska are due to be reaccredited this year. An additional 40 public libraries that are currently unaccredited, but which submitted their annual statistics last year, are positioned to seek accreditation this year. The Nebraska Library Commission will be working on this process with these 90 libraries first.

More information about the revised accreditation process is available at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/LibAccred/>. All public library directors and boards are invited to use the information from this website to plan for future community activities leading to accreditation. This information details:

- Timeframe
- Structure of the guidelines
- Changes in the guidelines
- 12 minimum qualifications
- Requirements, including strategic plan

The list of all Nebraska Public Libraries with their accreditation standing and year of expiration is available at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/LibAccred/standings.asp>

Libraries not due to apply for accreditation this year may look at a preview of the accreditation guidelines at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/LibAccred/accredApp.asp?preview=true>. Please note that these guidelines are interactive only for the libraries applying for accreditation this year.

However, if you'd like to get started preparing for accreditation in the future, you can begin by initiating the strategic planning process. An up-to-date strategic plan for your library is required. The accreditation process is based on the goals you set for your library, in response to your community's needs. If you do not already have a strategic plan or your plan is due to be updated, go to the following link on the Commission's website for a simple strategic planning kit which includes how-to videos, guides, and worksheets: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/LibAccred/>

For more information contact Richard Miller, richard.miller@nebraska.gov, 402-471-3175, or 800-307-2665.

How a Book is Saved: Challenges and How to Fight Them

ALA Session

It is not possible to have a controversy-free collection. This is true for public libraries trying to serve a diverse community and even more-so for school libraries. Everyone working in or associated with any kind of library needs to be prepared for challenges. Here are some practical steps to take in that preparation.

1. Have a Board-approved (Library Board or School Board) Challenge Policy.
2. Always have a “Request for Reconsideration” form available. (see more on that below)
3. Provide training about Intellectual Freedom for every staff member and the Board.

The “Request for Reconsideration” form is an important document. It is a good idea to compare your form with those used at other libraries. Some things to consider are:

- ◇ Make sure your form covers all formats. (book, audio, dvd, webpage, etc.)
- ◇ Designate that a form must be completed for each item being challenged.
- ◇ To challenge material, a person must be a registered library patron or the parent of a child in the school.
- ◇ Make it clear that once the Board has voted concerning the challenge, their decision is final.

Other pointers include:

- ◇ Develop a good relationship with the local media (that way they will be more inclined to talk to you before going live with a story about the library).
- ◇ Designate a spokesperson and make sure all other staff and board members know not to talk to the media.
- ◇ Be quotable—have a few sound bites prepared.
- ◇ Report every challenge, even those not officially filed to the Office of Intellectual Freedom at <http://www.ala.org/oif>.



Robyn Johnston was elected to serve on the RVLS Board at the annual meeting held in Superior on June 7th. **Robyn** is a K-12 Public School Librarian in Maywood. She is a graduate of Chadron State College and taught in the classroom for 9 years. In 2005, with the birth of her third child, Robyn made the decision to stay at home as a full time mom. She returned to Maywood PS as the Librarian/Media Specialist in 2011. Robyn is a graduate student at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She enjoys hiking, golfing, reading, and writing as well as watching her children compete in rodeo, football, basketball and baseball.

Pat Hughes graciously accepted an appointment to the RVLS Board in May, 2013 to fill a vacancy. She retired in 2012 from Hastings College Perkins Library after 28 years of service. Previously, Pat cataloged rural school libraries and was an elementary school media specialist in Hastings and a high school librarian in Australia. She served on the NEBASE Advisory Committee and numerous other organizations and committees. Her long association with various libraries demonstrates her dedication to libraries and their missions. We appreciate Pat's willingness to serve on the RVLS Board.

Workshops on Demand

Have you ever been interested in an advertised workshop, only to realize it is on the day you have story time? Or that it is too far away? Or that you don't have any Personal Days left? Or that your professional education budget is empty?

RVLS has a new plan for providing workshops that will solve all these problems, and more!

Workshops on Demand will allow you to choose the workshop topic, select the date and time, and decide how many from your staff will attend...all at no cost to you. From July 1 through December 31 you can choose from this list of twelve 2-hour workshops.

1. Book Repair
2. How to Weed
3. Craft Projects that Give Old Books New Life
4. Developing a Procedures Manual
5. Writing Effective Policies
6. Patron Confidentiality
7. The Basics of Good Customer Service
8. Using Social Media Successfully
9. Fund Raising With Your Friends
10. Strategic Planning: A Customized Program
11. Lending eReaders to Your Patrons
12. Cool (Free) Web Tools



Pick a day, decide if you want the session in the morning or the afternoon, and contact me to get it on the calendar. Once we have 3 people registered, we are ready to go.

Invite your board members, Friends of the Library, and neighboring librarians. Use this service for staff development day. The list of available workshops will change in January, so schedule your favorite one now!



September 22-28, 2013

The list of the Most Frequently Challenged Authors of the 21st Century contains some really familiar names: Judy Blume, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, John Steinbeck, J.K. Rowling, and Mark Twain.

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. It highlights the value of free and open access to information.

Celebrate Banned Books Week this year!

Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting
June 7, 2013 9:30 am
Superior Public Library
Superior, NE

PRESENT: Jody Crocker, Dixie Codner, Annette Eisenhart, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, Vicki Perrie, Sky Seery, Dana Wade, Claudette Wielechowski, Beth Falla, Mo Khamouna

ABSENT: Jane Hilton

ALSO PRESENT: Denise Harders (System Administrator), Kay Kloppenborg (Assistant), Richard Miller (NLC Rep)

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Vicki Perrie called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (3.1.13) Annette Eisenhart moved to accept the minutes, Dana Wade seconded with a one letter correction.

FINANCIAL REPORT: 92% spent, with one month left. Cross reference with New Business, Budget. We included a \$6,000 carryover, but there was a miscalculation on the account balances so there won't be as much left as originally thought. Changes to next year's budget will be made with the Executive Board for approval by the new board in Sept. Office insurance needs to be paid yet, as well as June payroll, Bulk Loan payments, office rent, and credit card bill. Denise proposed to eliminate the Money Market savings account as we're not earning any interest to make it worth the time and it would cut out confusion. Having NLC deposit money into checking account would then happen. Tim Johnson moved to eliminate the savings account, Claudette Wielechowski seconded. The motion was passed. There was talk of the internet provider. Denise is going to get internet quotes from other companies for the providers.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received a note of thanks for ordering puppets.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Denise has been busy with plenty of workshops, Valley Visits and taught a Basic Skills in April and another now. Several planning committees and working on bus trip to ALA in Chicago. Denise will take the RVLS vehicle to the Lincoln drop off, as it is cost effective (as opposed to taking a personal vehicle and using the \$.56 mile). Annette Eisenhart moved to allow Denise to take the system car. Dixie Codner seconded and the motion passed. There was a question on the attendance of conferences by Denise and how much of the budget is spent for employee development. After much discussion – it's good to have good representation at these events but of course budget is always a concern. Richard brought up a good point about the board needing to realign the focus and is probably just what we needed {Diggin' the philosophy, Richard!} Denise also shared info about the Library Leadership Institute that will take place in August. **Workshops on Demand** is a program that Denise will present for libraries, no charge for the 2-hour workshop was discussed. See it on the RVLS website.

OLD BUSINESS:

RVLS Board Nominations – Claudette, Vicki and Sky are facing ending terms. Claudette is not running, Robyn Johnston is interested in a position and Vicki and Sky are running again.

Director Job Description & System Plan of Service - Vicki Perrie made a motion to accept the Director Job Description and Plan of Service. Annette seconded and the motion passed.

2013-14 Board Meeting Schedule –

September 6, 2013 – Lied Imperial Library, Imperial

November 1, 2013 – Teleconference

January 3, 2014 – Teleconference

March 7th, 2014 – Jane Hilton, Elwood Public Library

June 6th, 2014 – Annual Meeting Location TBD

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget – See Financial Report. Trying to cut here and there. The Pitney-Bowes postage meter was eliminated {Yay!}

Employment Contracts – Contracts were discussed with changes made accordingly. #4 on the System Director was changed from visiting to contacting. They will be ready for the Board President to sign in September.

OTHER BUSINESS:

System Reorganization – There could be several changes made. Talk of reorganization of the systems to reduce the number. There is a meeting in Lexington on August 21st to discuss the possibilities, a board member needs to attend and Pat Hughes has agreed to go with Denise.

NLC COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Steve was in CO {sitting by the lake with his dog! Lucky duck!} – no report.

NLC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: New accreditation guidelines are in effect – a new 3 level points system. 7 NE libraries receive Kreutz Bennett Grants - they include Albion, Hildreth, Wausa, Mitchell, Osmond, Valley & Walthill. Libraries are encouraged to learn to create data collection forms, this from North Dakota State Library. ARSL Conference is in Omaha on 9.25-28, check out the scholarships and watch the Commission's website for details for grants. 6.15.13 is the deadline for nominating One Book One Nebraska 2014, get those nominations in. Check out the new Talking Book video aimed at Students and School libraries. Visit the NLC website for the upcoming Basic Skills classes. Want to know more about CatExpress? Contact Christa Burns and finally, don't forget about NCompass Live.

Mo adjourned the meeting with a short break before the start of the Annual Meeting. {Special thanks to Vicki and Peggy for hosting annual meeting this year! They had delish appetizers in the morning, yum!}

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 6, 2013 Lied Imperial Library, Imperial

Republican Valley Library System Annual Meeting
June 7, 2013 11:00 am
Superior Public Library
Superior, NE

Welcome: President Mo Khamouna called the 2013 annual meeting of the general membership of the Republican Valley Library System to order at 11:34 with 22 in attendance.

Minutes of the 2012-2013 Annual Meeting: The minutes of the 2012-2013 annual meeting were read by board secretary Sky Seery. Vicki Perrie made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Pat Hughes seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Adoption of the 2013-2014 Budget: RVLS will receive same amount from Commission. A slight adjustment will be made to reflect current balance of carryover money. Services will be evaluated and cuts will be made accordingly. The budget was approved by a paper ballot. 11 For and 0 Against

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members: Claudette Wielechowski was recognized for her three years of service. A thank you card and token of appreciation were presented.

Introduction of Board Nominees/Nominations from the floor: Board nominees include Vicki Perrie, Sky Seery and Robyn Johnston. There were no additional nominations on the floor. Dana Wade moved the nominations be closed, Claudette Wielechowski seconded. Voting proceeded. The 3 newly elected RVLS board members are Vicki, Sky and Robyn. Welcome aboard!!

Administrator's Report: Denise Harders presented an overview of her activities for the fiscal year, 2012-2013. New Services include a monthly "Display Ideas" and Pinterest Board. Nebraska Library Leadership Institute was promoted.

Judy Grandstaff made a lamp 14 years ago, and Sharon Bohling won it then. She's providing it for a drawing again and Darlene won the lamp. (Super, super cute lamp!)

Richard Miller provided an NLC Representative report.

Vicki Perrie gave a short Lady Vestey overview – it's a seriously amazing story!

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 by Mo. The group moved across the street for a luncheon and then the Lady Vestey home and walking tour. {Special thanks to Vicki and Peggy for hosting annual meeting this year! They had delish appetizers in the morning, to which Jody Crocker received the recipe and will share.}

Respectively submitted: Sky Seery, RVLS Board Secretary

2013
NLA/NSLA
Pre-
Conference

Wednesday
October 9, 2013
1:00—4:00 PM

Younes
Conference
Center

416 Talmadge
Street

Kearney NE
68845

*Breaking Down Barriers to
Excellent Customer Service:
Body Language and Social Barriers*

Presenter: Theresa Dickson

Assistant Director for Planning
and Operations at the Pioneer

Library System in Norman, OK

We will look at both sides of the “desk”: who is wanting service and who is delivering what is defined as service. We will also look at the cultures of customer service: ours, theirs, the “times” and investigate non-verbal communication codes including signage, way-finding and body language. The session will include scripting and group work for re-tooling.



REGISTRATION : \$35

You can register online at

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/conf2013>

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Mark Your Calendar



- August 5-9** Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, St. Benedict's Retreat Center
- August 19** Nebraska Library Digital Literacy Coaching Corps Orientation, Lincoln
- August 19-30** Basic Skills—Library Finance
- Sept. 2** Labor Day—RVLS Office Closed
- Sept. 6** RVLS Board Meeting, Lied Imperial Public Library
- Sept. 9-20** Basic Skills—Customer Service
- Sept 23-Oct.4** Basic Skills—Readers Advisory
- Sept. 25-28** Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference, Omaha
- Sept. 25-27** Mountain Plains Library Association Conference, Sioux Falls, SD
- Oct. 9-11** NLA/NSLA Annual Conference, Kearney
- Oct. 14** Columbus Day Holiday—RVLS Office Closed
- Oct. 21–Nov 1** Basic Skills—Collection Management
- Nov. 1** RVLS Board Meeting, Conference Call
- Nov. 4-15** Basic Skills—Programming and Outreach

Disc Cleaning and Repair

- From July 1, 2013, thru June 30, 2014, each RVLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings.
- If you have more than 10 discs that need fixing, you may send them to us and we will repair them and send them back with an invoice for 50 cents per disc.
- If you come to the RVLS Office in Hastings and pick up the repaired discs, the charge is 35 cents per disc.



A similar service at a retail video outlet costs more than \$5.00 per disc!

The RTI ECO Auto-Smart is amazing! It will repair almost all scratches, no matter how deep. However, if the disc is cracked, we cannot fix it.



On the Bookshelf

- ***Sizzle*** by Julie Garwood
- ***Collateral Damage*** by Fern Michaels
- ***Cross Roads*** by Fern Michaels
- ***De'j'a Vu*** by Fern Michaels
- ***Fast Track*** by Fern Michaels
- ***Free Fall*** by Fern Michaels
- ***Hide and Seek*** by Fern Michaels
- ***Hokus Pokus*** by Fern Michaels
- ***Sweet Revenge*** by Fern Michaels
- ***Under the Radar*** by Fern Michaels
- ***Captivated*** by Nora Roberts
- ***Hot Rocks*** by Nora Roberts
- ***Lessons Learned*** by Nora Roberts
- ***Dear John*** by Nicholas Sparks
- ***Big Girl*** by Danielle Steel

**Hastings Memorial
Library in Grant
recently donated
these audiobooks
to the RVLS
Collection**

2013 –2014 RVLS Board Meetings

Friday, September 6, 2013
Lied Imperial Public Library—Imperial

Friday, November 1, 2013
Telephone Conference Call

Friday, January 3, 2014
Telephone Conference Call

Friday, March 7, 2014
Elwood Public Library—Elwood

Friday, June 6, 2014—Annual Meeting
Location to be determined





I recently attended the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Chicago. This was my first visit to the Windy City. Even with all the conference events, I did manage to do a little sight-seeing. I highly recommend the Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise. The docent was extraordinarily knowledgeable about the buildings and the history of Chicago. (Sunscreen would have been a good idea.) The McCormick Place Convention Center is a massive building, designed for the huge numbers of people that attend conferences there. I did not take my pedometer, but I know I walked *miles* inside that building. It is really funny, that even in a crowd of more than 20,000, I still ran into friends. It was great to have lunch and catch up. (Sitting down for a bit was nice, too.)

I attended five sessions, two author events, one ALA Film Program, and four speaker presentations. I also spent some time in the Exhibit Hall talking to vendors and authors. I will be sharing information from the ALA Conference in this newsletter, on the RVLS website, and through the RVLS email list.

Sessions

- 20 Programs Under \$20
- How a Book is Saved: Challenges and How to Fight Them
- DIY Video Creation
- The Elusive Library Non-User
- Late Nights at the Library: After-Hours Programming for Public Libraries.

Author Events—I received (free) autographed books at these events and got a few more in the Exhibit Hall.

- Crossing Over: Teen Books For Everyone
Darynda Jones, Richard Kadrey, Anton Di Scalafani
- Quirky Books for Quirkier Librarians
Josh Hanargame, John Scalzi, Abby Stokes

Now Showing@ALA

- The Untold History of the United States
I saw part of an upcoming Showtime documentary series.

Speakers

- Steven D. Levitt, author of the international bestseller *Freakonomics*
- Giada De Laurentiis, Food Network Star, about her new book series, *Recipe for Adventure*, for children
- Oliver Stone, filmmaker and Peter Kuznick, historian, about their joint project, *The Untold History of the United States* book and documentary series
- Octavia Spencer, Academy Award-winning actress in *The Help*, about her first novel for children, *Randi Rhodes, Ninja Detective: The Case of the Time-Capsule Bandit*



Summer Reading Fun @ RVLS Libraries

Blue Hill Public Library Summer Reading Program—

A baby pool was brought to the backyard of the library and filled with nice clean compost. In the compost were buried plastic dinosaurs, wooden snakes and real bones brought by the local master taxidermist, Todd Kranau. The skulls, vertebrae, teeth, shoulder blades and various other bones and artifacts were gently excavated by the children in a “dig”. Mr. Kranau then explained which bones came from which animals and where they were located on the creature. Dirty hands and souvenirs made for an educational and different morning at the library.



North Platte's summer readers had lots of fun “Digging into Reading”. Back hoes, mummies, NE history and worm farms.



One activity for the **North Platte** Teen Café youth was visiting Dancing Leaf Earth Lodge. (The Sandhills Reading Council funded the Teen Café visit to Dancing Leaf Lodge.) 20 youth, 8 adults (drivers), and 3 younger siblings travelled to the Lodge near Wellfleet to learn about the Plains Indians and their culture. They had a great time!

The final summer reading program at **Hildreth Public Library** was the Mud games. Participants, of all ages, divided up into teams and ran, crawled and raced through the mud! The favorite game was the tug-of-war. Youth were treated to pizza in the park after getting washed down by the fire hose.





Fairfield's Public Library summer readers adopted and painted pet rocks and made rock crystals.



An average of 18 children attended each Summer Reading Program held at the **Orleans C.B. Preston Memorial Library** during June. Local sponsors contributed over \$500.00 to help make the program a success. Stories, crafts, games and snacks were enjoyed each week. Worms, ants, construction, dinosaurs and lots of digging made up the programs. Pictured is Adam Gesik, son of Kevin and Dana Gesik.

Ellison on the Move

Here's the schedule for the Ellison, if you want on the schedule please contact us, or if it is near you, perhaps you could work out something with your neighbor.

August 1, 2013—Red Cloud Public School

Sept. 1, 2013—Central Elementary School, McCook

Oct. 1, 2013—Available

Nov. 1, 2013—Southern Valley Elementary, Oxford

Dec. 1, 2013—Culbertson Public Library

Jan 1, 2014—Wilcox-Hildreth School, Wilcox

The Ellison is available in Oct 2013 and any month after Jan 31, 2014.

If you would like to schedule a time for your library to use the Ellison.

Please email us at:

rvlsasst@inebraska.com or
rvlsadmin@inebraska.com

Libri Foundation Grants : BOOKS FOR CHILDREN



The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program. Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, county libraries should serve a population under 16,000 and town libraries should serve a population under 10,000 (usually under 5,000). Libraries should be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department. **Please note:** Rural is usually considered to be at least 30 miles from a city with a population over 40,000.

The Foundation will match any amount of money raised by your local sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, your library could receive up to \$1,050 worth of new children's books (about 70 books). Local sponsors have five months (or longer, if necessary) after their library has been selected as a participant in the BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program to raise the matching funds.

The next deadline is August 15, 2013. For complete information, go to: <http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html>.

RVLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$100.00 per event for registration, mileage, meal, etc.

Only one scholarship per person per fiscal year

All member libraries eligible

Name _____

Library _____

Event _____

Date of event _____

Scholarship requested for _____ (meal, room, etc.)

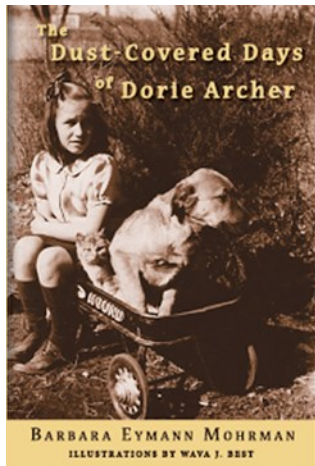
Amount requested _____

Other information:



Send your request to: Republican Valley Library System
2727 W. 2nd Street Suite # 233
Hastings, NE 68901

New Book Club Kit



The Republican Valley Library System recently purchased 12 copies of *The Dust-Covered Days of Dorie Archer*.

Dorie Archer's carefree childhood days became filled with darkness—no fresh air, no sunshine, no rain, no work for the farmers, and no money. Dorie's gripping story brings to life the everyday activities of a Nebraska girl and her family during the Dust Bowl as they struggled to survive the enormous challenges of one of the most trying times in Nebraska history.



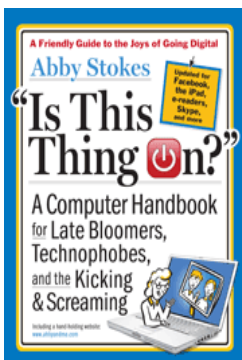
The book's author, Barbara Eymann Mohrman, lives in North Platte. I had the pleasure of seeing her work with a group of children at the North Platte Public Library this summer. I highly recommend this Humanities program:

This presentation is specifically designed for elementary school age children. I give a short explanation of the Dust Bowl and then tell stories about my Nebraska family on the farm during these years. I use vintage objects and hands on activities to help children experience husking corn and playing a game of the 1930s. The children also do a fun science experiment combining baseball and energy transfer. Finally we make a craft project utilizing Nebraska's free resource - the wind. The program is both educational and fun!

To schedule Barbara as a speaker, see Nebraska Humanities Council webpage at <http://humanitiesnebraska.org/speakers/catalog/> or call her directly at 308-530-3374.

"Is This Thing On?"

ALA Session



Abby Stokes knew she was onto something when she successfully taught her mother how to use a laptop. Over the past 17 years Abby has demystified computers for people she calls "Digitally Challenged" meaning those who did not grow up with computers and the Internet. Visit her webpage <http://abbyandme.com/> for tutorials and other resources to help the Digital Immigrants that visit your library.

Call or email the RVLS Office to be entered into a drawing for an autographed copy of "Is This Thing On?" Drawing to be held on September 6, 2013.

Join the OverDrive Consortium

If your public library has been thinking about joining the Nebraska OverDrive Libraries group in order to provide patrons with access to a shared collection of digital eBooks and audiobooks, now would be a great time!

Why now? Because the group's fiscal/participation year runs from October 1 through September 30. Joining at the beginning of the term gets you a full year of access for your participation fee. Participation fees are not prorated for libraries joining mid-term.

Currently 140 libraries participate in the Nebraska OverDrive Libraries Group, and several others have submitted paperwork to join in October. As of today the shared collection contains 6,851 eBook titles (7,608 copies) and 4,462 audiobook titles (4,861 copies), with more titles added weekly.

Even if you're not a member of the group, you can search or browse the Nebraska OverDrive Libraries catalog online to see what's currently included: <http://nebraska.lib.overdrive.com>.

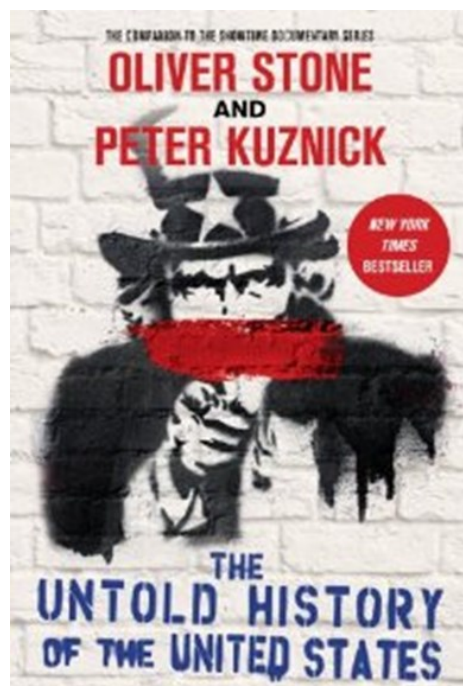
To learn more about the Nebraska OverDrive Libraries group, including how much it costs and how to sign up, see: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/overdrive/>.

Participation forms and purchase agreements need to be turned in to NLC by **August 15** for access beginning in October 2013.

Please feel free to contact Susan Knisely, susan.knisely@nebraska.gov or Devra Dragos, devra.dragos@nebraska.gov with any questions you might have about OverDrive in general, or the Nebraska OverDrive Libraries group in particular.

The Untold History of the United States

ALA Session



Filmmaker Oliver Stone and historian Peter Kuznick provoked a lot of discussion when they talked about their recent joint project, "The Untold History of the United States." Here is the description of the documentary series from Showtime:

There is a classified America we were never meant to see. From Academy Award®-winning writer/director Oliver Stone, this ten-part documentary series looks back at human events that at the time went under reported, but that crucially shaped America's unique and complex history over the 20th century. From the atomic bombing of Japan to the Cold War and the fall of Communism, this in-depth, surprising, and totally riveting series demands to be watched again and again.

Go to <http://www.sho.com/sho/oliver-stones-untold-history-of-the-united-states/about> for a preview of the series.

Call or email the RVLS Office to be entered into a drawing for an autographed copy of the 750-page companion to the Showtime documentary series. Drawing to be held on September 6, 2013.

Meet the Library Commission Reference and Interlibrary Loan Staff!



Back row -left to right:

Lisa Kelly, Beth Goble, Bonnie Henzel and Susan Knisely

Front row left to right: Mary Geibel, Mary Sauers, and Lynda Clause

In the past year and half, we've experienced several changes in personnel on our reference and interlibrary loan team. Here are the updates as to the whereabouts of our former staff in addition to our new arrivals:

Departures:

January 2012

Julie Pinnell – leaves the Library Commission after nearly 17 years of service to become the director of the Doane College Library.

Summer 2012

Beth Goble – becomes part time and is now our Historical Services Librarian. She still spends time at the reference desk answering email questions and will celebrate 20 years with the state this July. Beth and her husband Ron travel regularly to Michigan to visit their two granddaughters and also spend time at their other home in Alberta, Canada. Not to be left out are the family pets, Arwen, a Sheltie and Allie, a rescue cat.

December 2012

Dave Eckmann leaves the reference team to return to working with the Talking Book and Braille Service.

April 2013

Evelyn Kubert retires after 13 years of doing ILL for the Library Commission and just received happy news of grandchild number 6.

Arrivals:

January 2013

Mary Sauers comes to us by way of Lincoln City Libraries where she worked at the Anderson and Bethany Branches in public services. Prior to moving to Nebraska in 2009 she worked at BCR, the former OCLC regional network located in Denver. It was there that she met her husband, Michael Sauers, who you may recognize as another employee of the Library Commission. Mary has two daughters (Diana and Sara), three dogs, and spends many hours in her greenhouse.

Mary Geibel is already recognizable to many of you since she's been answering and routing incoming calls to the Nebraska Library Commission for many years as a member of the Administrative Services team. Since the reference desk recently took over "switchboard" duties it's a particularly fitting time for Mary to transition to our team, where she will be one of several team members answering the phones. Mary will also now be your first contact for book group reservations and questions. Mary and her husband John have two sons (Sean and Nikolas) and two dogs. Mary cares for her mother in her home and also enjoys regular meetings with her scrapbook friends.

April 2013

Lynda Clause is our most recent team member and also comes to us by way of Lincoln City Libraries. Lynda will be working primarily with Interlibrary Loan and helping and guiding us in our change to WorldShare. Lynda will also be at the reference desk and will be corresponding with you all by email. Lynda is planning to return to school this fall to study Digital Humanities, but she will still be here at NLC full time. Lynda and her partner Eric enjoy hiking and live music, and are planning to adopt a dog from the Humane Society this summer and we are all eager to see who will join their home.

Still here:

Bonnie Henzel continues helping the team on Friday mornings. Bonnie works with Nebraska State Publications and is the proud mom of a son Alex and twin high school graduates (Alaina and Kayla) who will matriculate at Peru State College this fall. Bonnie is married to Vince and together they are active in coaching basketball and volleyball. Last but not least in their home is Bonnie's Golden Retriever Chloe.

Susan Knisely is a part of the Technology and Access Services Team but also spend time at the reference desk on Mondays. Susan is the person you speak to for over-drive and database subscription questions in addition to many other topics. Susan and her husband Will share their home with their son Ian and 4 rabbits.

Lisa Kelly remains at the reference desk after 20 years and has learned many new tasks as people have come and gone. Lisa lives with her rescue cat named Moon in the historical Stuart Building where she organized a book group that has been meeting for 12 years. Susan and Lisa are a month apart in age and have planned their joint retirement party for the year 2035.

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